

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 12, second paragraph as being indefinite.

At the same time, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-16 are not rejected over the art and would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the claims has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with the Examiner's rejection of claim 1, applicants cancelled the terms which are considered as not clear by the Examiner, in particular "special vibration exiters" and "an ultrasonic coupling". Claims 5, 6, 8 and 10 have been amended to present the term "sensor-specific" in a proper form.

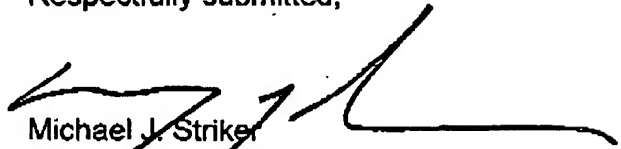
Claim 12 has been amended to define hundreds kHz.

It is therefore believed that the Examiner's grounds for the objection of the claims for formal reasons under 35 U.S.C. 112 should be considered as no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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